

# MASKED ROBBERS SHOOT MAN AND WIFE

## Union Official Predicts End of Coal Strike Here in Less Than Thirty Days

### VICE-PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT 17 DISCLOSES PLAN

Declares Union Officers Will Meet Operators Before June 15.

### PRaises Local Men

Leaves Here for South Charleston to Surrender to Authorities.

Suspension of work in the coal fields will cease in less than thirty days, declared William Petry, vice-president of district 17, United Mine Workers of America, today before he left for Pittsburgh. His trip here was not an official capacity but rather to visit friends before he returns to his home in South Charleston, W. Va., on Saturday night to submit to the authorities of Logan County to answer charges in connection with the miners' march. Petry said he had not been in Fairmont since Memorial Day of last year.

I have the assurance of official heads of the organization (United Mine Workers of America) that a meeting of the coal operators and the miners, officials will be held not later than June 15, which will mark the termination of the present industrial struggle, Petry declared. "I believe this conference will pave the way for negotiations between the outlying districts including the Northern West Virginia fields and possibilities of a settlement on the basis of the settlement Mr. Petry did not touch on, but it is believed that it may mean a reduction. Question as to whether a 20 to 30 per cent reduction were passed over by the official, were declined to discuss the basis of a settlement.

Mr. Petry was replete with praise to the Consolidation and other large coal companies for the fine manner in which they have treated the miners during the strike. He stressed the good feeling that existed between the two groups.

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### Mary and Doug Legally Married



FAIRMONT, W. Va., June 1. — Mary Pickford's divorce from Owen Moore, validated here yesterday when the State Supreme Court ruled the attorney general had not the power to institute and maintain an annulment action, had removed the legal shadow which was cast over the film star's marriage to Douglas Fairbanks, who claimed her as his wife one week after she obtained a decree of divorce at Minden, Nev., in 1920. The main question involved in the decision is that of the power of the attorney general to bring an annulment action, the court held in its decision, passing over all other contentions set up by the defendants, except to hold that the lower court order annulling and revoking the order for publication of summons is an appealable order.

### 142 MINES WORK IN REGION TODAY

New Peak of Active Mines in District Since Strike Began Reached.

One hundred and forty-three mines are at work in Northern West Virginia today, which is the peak of non-union mining operations. This is one more than worked on Wednesday and ten more than operated on Thursday of last week.

Mines at work on the various divisions were as follows today: B. & O. Monongahela, 28; Charleston, 28; Connellsville, 7; Cumberland, 29; Monongahela, 6; Morgantown & Kingwood, 28; Morgantown & Wheeling, 8; Western Maryland, Belington & Weaver, 1.

**No Break in Ranks.**  
C. H. Bailey, Fairmont, international representative, United Mine Workers of America says that "the situation is favorable and there has been no break in our ranks."

Nick Aiello, Fairmont, president of sub district 4, says that the railroad figures of coal production are not as great as reported and claims that these are also swelled by the heavy loading of stock coal.

Miners say that if they can tide themselves over until their gardens bear that they will have no difficulty to hold out in the strike. They claim that after district funds are depleted many of the miners' locals (Continued on Page Eight)

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### SIX CONFESS IN CRIMINAL COURT

Two Fined \$100 Each for Operating an Alleged Disorderly House.

Six confessions were heard by Judge E. M. Showalter in Criminal Court late yesterday afternoon and fines were imposed in all cases. The cases were the outgrowth of a raid by county officers on an alleged disorderly house in Water street, operated by Belle Leamon and John Reich.

Fines of \$100 were imposed upon Belle Leamon and Reich when they entered a plea of guilty to a misdemeanor indictment charging them with operating the house.

Domenick Abruzzi, Caramella Malone, Toney Cardos, and Domenick Milldore, who were all indicted on misdemeanor indictments charging them with loitering in the house, entered pleas of guilty and were fined \$15 and costs each.

A capias was ordered to be issued for the arrest of Claude Pogue, who was recently indicted on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated. He failed to appear for trial at the present term of court.

Charlie Kiralki, indicted on a felony charge of having a moonshine still in his possession and shine still in his possession and appearance for trial and failed to appear. A capias was also issued for his arrest. Deputy Sheriff Howard Charlton arrested him last night and locked him up in the county jail.

Gerald Hamfitt, facing trial on a misdemeanor indictment found against him for failing to support Grace Hamilton, his wife, failed to appear for trial. His bond was forfeited and a capias issued for his arrest.

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## ANOTHER SLASH TO BE MADE IN WAGES OF RAILROAD MEN

NEW REDUCTIONS OF \$50,000,000 REPORTED TODAY

Minority Report Said to Be Delaying Announcement of Board.

CHICAGO, June 1. — Delay in compilation of the minority report by the labor members of the board is all that withholds announcement of another slash of \$50,000,000 from the wages of railway employees by the Railroad Labor Board, it was said unofficially today.

Details of the reduction affecting 400,000 shop crafts employees have been completed it was said. This cut will affect all blacksmiths, machinists, boiler makers, sheet metal workers, electricians, car men and helpers in the service of the nation's railroads.

The scale of reductions is said to range from five to nine cents an hour. Among the slashes in the impending decision by the board are said to be the following: Apprentices, 5 cents; helpers, 5 cents; mechanics, 7 cents; carmen, 9 cents.

**Will Attend Meeting.**  
DETROIT, June 1. — The United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Workers and Railway Shop Laborers undoubtedly will be represented at the conference of railroad union heads at Cincinnati Tuesday, it was indicated at the Brotherhood's international headquarters here today.

Headquarters of the union today were engaged in preparing the strike ballots which are to go to the 478,000 members and 75,000 non-union men who would be affected by a walkout.

**Executives to Attend**  
CINCINNATI, June 1. — Edward Fitzgerald, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, announced today that sixteen chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods and other executive officers of the railroad union will meet in Cincinnati next Tuesday to take up matters vital to the common welfare of all railroad workers. Some forty executives are expected to attend.

Mr. Fitzgerald would give out no statement regarding the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald said that B. M. Jewell, who will preside at the meeting, was formulating the agenda for Tuesday's conference.

**IMPORTS DECLINE**  
WASHINGTON, June 1. — Exports to Europe increased during April as compared with the same month last year, but exports to South America declined, it was shown in trade reports issued today by the Commerce Department. Imports from both Europe and South America declined.

**APPRAISERS REPORT**  
Appraisers appointed by the County Court today reported to the county clerk that the estate of Andrew J. Gaskins is worth \$1,100 and that it consists of a workshop worth \$500 and a homestead and lot worth \$600, both situated in Boothsville. The report was signed by J. S. Rex, H. E. Swiger and T. C. Newbrough, appraisers.

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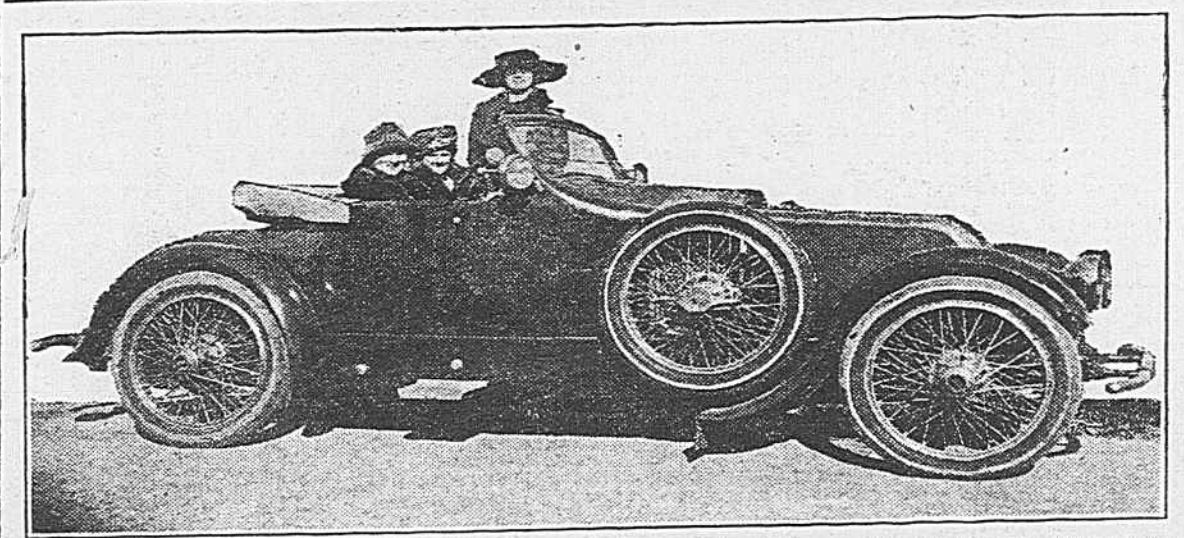
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### In 'Fatty' Arbuckle's Car Sold by Court



Three Fairmont women, on a recent visit to California, enjoyed Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle's favorite roadster just as much as the former film star possible did several months before when he was breaking the speed limit on the King's Highway near Los Angeles. The car, a Renault, French roadster model, cost Arbuckle \$21,500, but it was sold at a much lower figure when it was disposed of at a private sale under the order of the court following Roscoe's trial for manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, movie actress.

The local women in the car are Mrs. H. S. Falconer, Miss Mary Deveny and Mrs. William Deveny, a daughter-in-law of Tom Deveny.

### MINER CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT ON TRIAL TODAY

Interference With Non-Union Miners Basis for Federal Court Case.

PARKERSBURG, June 1. — The trial of Raymond Spinoso, one of the twenty-seven Brooke and Ohio County miners, against whom specifications, charging contempt of a court injunction issued in 1913 prohibiting organized miners from interfering with the operation of the West Virginia-Pittsburgh Coal Co. plant at Colliers Station in Brooke County, have been filed by the government in relation to the company, was expected to occupy the entire session of court today, as about twenty witnesses for the prosecution and defense are to be examined.

Spinoso, who is a foreigner, will make a defense of ignorance of the court injunction granted by the late Judge Dayton in 1913, to which suit he was not a party.

The complaining coal company on the grounds of breach of contract with the union miners, according to the statement made to the jury late yesterday evening by Attorney John B. Gardner, who with Earl R. Lewis of St. Clairsville and James B. Parriott of Moundsville appear for the miners.

The government expects to prove that Spinoso, together with the other miners against whom specifications have been filed, on February 21, 1922, near the coal company's mines in Brooke County, stopped non-union miners on their way to work, shot Special Deputy Daniel Allman, who was guarding the workers, in the thigh, and intimidated and prevented strike breakers from going to work, according to Attorney James Howard of Wheeling, who is assisting United States Attorney T. A. Brown and Special Assistant Charles Shuck in conducting the prosecution.

Miners against whom specifications have been filed and who entered pleas of not guilty yesterday afternoon when arraigned are: Dan Bertoline, Raymond Spinoso, Frank Charbetti, Arthur Whitaker, Bill Dick, Alfredo Godini and Pete Lewis, against whom one specification was filed; Santo Gregario, Nate Groves, Chat Palmer, Alexander Gilchrist, Victor Warren, Sam Solo, Frank Ledvinka, president of the miner's local; James Tate, John Scampous, Dave Campbell, Earl Bines, Jim Woods, Charles Loomis, Joseph Woods, (Continued on Page Eight)

### Flappers' Parents Make 'Blue Laws'

NEW YORK, June 1. — Parents in Brooklyn have inaugurated their own "blue laws" against their flapper daughters, and through the Parent's League hope to spread their edicts throughout the city. They have instituted a curfew law with midnight as the hour for festivity endings and have set the following flapper rules: Parties to be held only on Friday and Saturday night.

Simple refined clothes, no postage stamp skirts. Chaperones must be present at all parties and accompany girls home.

Parents to censor all plays and movies. Improper dancing forbidden. No refreshments to be served after dances.

The parents have fixed these rules to apply to girls between 15 and 18 years of age. "Girls older than 18 will be left to the rules of their own parents," says Mrs. Affeld, president of the league.

### MITCHELL TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

Graduates to Receive Diplomas on East Side This Evening.

Dr. Charles Baird Mitchell will deliver the commencement address to the John S. Scott Class of the East Side High School at 8:15 o'clock tonight in the high school auditorium.

The program will be as follows: "March of the Men of Harlech," Welsh national air, class of '22; invocation, the Rev. W. G. Ware of the First United Brethren Church; "Narcissus," Nevin-Marshall; Misses Mary LaFollette, Naomi Walker, Margaret Hess, Eva Atha, Emma Staley, Hazel Jo Arnold, accompanied by Noel Clelland, violinist; salutatory, Miss Hazel Bartlett; commencement address, Dr. Charles Baird Mitchell; "Told at Twilight," Miss Florence Ney; presentation of class; presentation of diplomas by Harry Shaw, president of the board of education of Union Independent District; "Song of Benediction,"

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### BIDS FOR UNION DISTRICT ROADS WILL BE ASKED

Satterfield and Mason Return From Conference With Attorney-General.

Advertisement for bids on the road improvements allowed under the recently passed Union District road bond issue will be made tomorrow or Saturday, according to Lee N. Satterfield, county clerk, who, together with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John W. Mason, returned at noon today from Charleston where they conferred with Attorney General E. T. England.

The road bond was declared legal by Mr. England. Mr. Satterfield said this afternoon. It has not yet been determined how long advertisements will run, but officials state that the full period of four weeks will probably be required. This will allow the letting of contracts about the middle of July, according to Engineer B. H. Palmer.

According to decision reached at a meeting last Friday of Union District road commissioners, members of the County Court, the county engineer and the city engineer, the work is to be divided into two parts, one section to be completed this year and the other in 1922. About 30 per cent of the proposed road will be built this year, it was estimated by Mr. Palmer.

There are in all ten projects called for in the Union District bond issue namely: Water street, 1,089 feet; Morgantown avenue, 7,607 feet; Merchant street, 430 feet; Columbia street, 185 feet; State street, 1,732 feet; Grafton road, 470 feet; Hopewell road inside the city, 925 feet; Benton's Ferry road, as far as \$46,000 will improve it; Grafton road, as far as \$154,000 will improve it, and Hopewell road outside the city, as far as \$35,000 will improve it.

For convenience in letting contracts, these jobs have been tentatively divided into five groups: (1) Water street and Morgantown avenue; (2) Columbia street, State street and Benton's Ferry road; (3) the two Hopewell Road jobs; (4) the two Grafton road jobs, and (5) Merchant street. Present plans are to let all the roads in each group to a single contractor but changes in plans may cause a re-arrangement of the grouping.

Morgantown avenue and Merchant street are to be first streets paved, if present plans are carried out. Consideration was given by the engineers as to the use of other roads while repairs are going on.

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### BANDITS ATTACK COUPLE IN HOME AT WORTHINGTON

Mrs. Clarence McVey Believed Fatally Wounded in Hospital Here.

### HUSBAND CRITICAL

Posse and Bloodhounds Follow Robbers But Lose Trail Near Carolina.

Two masked robbers entered the bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O. McVey of near Worthington and emptied twenty shots from their revolvers into the bodies of their intended victims and the bed in which they were sleeping at 3 o'clock this morning. Eleven of the bullets pierced the body of Mrs. McVey while four of them hit Mr. McVey.

Mr. McVey, who was a captain in the army in the recent war, did not lose his courage when attacked but pulled his gun from under his pillow and emptied its contents into the doorway occupied by the two robbers. When the robbers started to flee, he jumped from his bed and seized a shot gun from behind a door and followed the men to the front part of the house. Holding the shot gun in one hand, his left being shattered by a bullet, he took shot at the robbers as they were leaving the front door and dropped one of them. The robber's comrade returned and picked up the wounded man, carried him away before Mr. McVey could reload his shot gun.

Sheriff James D. Charlton and a squad of deputies, several members of the State Police force located at Haywood and other county officers, aided by a posse of men from the Worthington section, are searching every inch of territory in and around the scene of the shooting. At 1 o'clock this afternoon the officers had not met with any success but were joined by Prosecuting Attorney Frank R. Amos, who, after conferring with the injured persons at Cook Hospital, went to the scene of the search. It is thought that he has information which may lead to an arrest later in the afternoon.

The crime was committed at 3 o'clock this morning. As a clock in the dining room was striking the hour Mrs. McVey was awakened by having a flash light thrown into her face. She saw two men standing in the door of her bedroom with white masks over their face and automatic revolvers in their hands. She nudged her husband, who, when he awoke, grabbed a revolver from under his pillow. Before he could fire, however, both of the robbers had started firing their guns. One of the first shots struck McVey in the chest inflicting a wound which may prove fatal. An instant later one hit his left forearm, shattering the bone. The next one tore away a part of his thumb, and the last bullet struck him on the nose.

In the meantime his wife, who was occupying the side of the bed nearest the robbers, had been hit by eleven or twelve bullets from the robbers' guns. She has a bad wound in the breast made by one or more bullets, and while the doctors would probably prove fatal. Other wounds are in her hips and arms.

**Pursues Bandits**  
With his left arm dangling by his side, a bullet wound through his chest, a part of his thumb blown away and blood streaming down his face from the wound on his nose, McVey crawled out of the bed just as soon as the bandits had emptied their guns, seized a shot gun from behind a door in the room and started in pursuit of the men. They were just leaving the front door of the store when he came in sight of the men, and he fired. One of the men fell, and the other pulled his gun, which he had reloaded, and opened fire on McVey again. McVey retreated back into a room to reload his shotgun, and while doing this the uninjured robber rushed up his partner and when McVey was ready to fire again they had disappeared in the darkness.

He returned to his room to find his wife in great pain and growing weak from the loss of blood which was pouring from a dozen wounds. He called a 16-year-old Polish girl, who was a domestic in the house, to come and take care of Mrs. McVey. The girl had been too scared to enter the room until this time as some of the bullets had pierced the walls of her room.

McVey then went to call a physician for his wife and to notify (Continued on Page Eight)

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